

## **St John Voters Meeting Minutes March 10, 2013**

Elder Ken Brinkman called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

President Ron Rathe has appointed Leroy Buethe to serve as Vice President for the remainder of the current term as a result of Ken Kuhl's passing. Motion for voters' acceptance of this appointment was made and seconded. Motion carried. Leroy proceeded to conduct the meeting in the absence of President Rathe.

Roll call was answered with twenty-two voters present.

December meeting minutes were presented for review. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

There was not a Pastor's report as Pastor Wolter was absent due to illness.

Treasurer's report presented for review along with a summary of shared dual parish expenses. Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Education: Preschool teacher has resigned, effective end of school year. Ad will be placed in paper seeking new teacher. Palm Sunday worship (3/24) will include a preschool program with the Sunday School children assisting and a hot beef luncheon following in celebration of Lutheran Schools Week. There is a sign-up sheet for luncheon food item donation on the table in back of church. A member of the Evangelism, Fellowship and Missions Committee inquired regarding a date and time for prayer partners to visit the preschool. The Preschool Committee will check and let her know or she can contact the teacher directly. The assumption is that a visit will be organized sometime the week of March 18-22, possibly on Wednesday (3/20).

Board of Elders: Michele Vanwinkle will be leading a Womens Bible Study on the book of Esther at church on Wednesday evenings following Lent (likely beginning on April 17). The Church Council has indicated that the church will provide childcare during this study. Volunteers are requested.

It would be nice to have special music for Easter worship so anyone that would like to contribute instrumentally should speak with the Elders.

Board of Evangelism, Fellowship, and Mission: There will be Easter bags in back of church for cards/wishes to the homebound. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following Easter worship.

There will be a church and preschool booth at the Home and Garden Show being held on March 22 and 23 at the Community Building.

Board of Stewardship: Changes to the offering envelope roster can be submitted every two to three months. Please notify the board if there are any necessary.

Thanks for contributions toward the roof debt, \$62,429.79 remaining principal.

Board of Trustees: No report. Per Church Council, restroom renovation to begin after Easter.

Motion made by Eldon Bartels and seconded by Evelyn Buethe to approve the board reports as presented. Motion carried.

Beautification Committee: Volunteers for pruning and sprucing will soon be requested.

Preschool Committee: End of year picnic is scheduled for Thursday, May 9.

Youth Committee: No report.

Motion made and seconded to accept the committee reports as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Michele Vanwinkle reported on a Stephen Ministry informational meeting which she recently attended. She is in the process of contacting church members to gauge the level of interest in this ministry which is designed to assist the Pastor in ministering to the needs of the congregation. A week of formal training for this ministry will be held in St Louis in April. A church representative attending this training can then return to lead/coordinate this effort within the congregation and train other members interested in participating in this ministry. The cost of attending this training is approximately \$3,400 including materials, lodging, transportation, and so forth. Motion made and seconded to approve church funds for a representative to attend the week of formal Stephen Ministry training, contingent upon member interest in participating in this ministry and identification of an individual to attend the training.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Cheryl Bartels, Secretary